

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 6.1.87 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr P. Morris, Mr A. Parker, Mrs E. Sliwa.
In attendance were three villagers.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr J. Burt and Mr E. R. Venn.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2.12.86 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

CHEVRON TILING AT THE ROUNDABOUT: Mr Perry welcomed Mr Fletcher and Mrs E Harris to the meeting. Mr Fletcher is an Assistant County Surveyor and Engineer for Oxfordshire County Council. He outlined the County Councils position concerning Begbroke Roundabout, in that they act as agents of the Department of Transport because the A34 is a trunk road. They have authorisation for the use of chevron tiling but they now need to persuade the D.O.T. of the economic advantages of their installation. They are at present collecting evidence to this end and Mr Fletcher was confident that eventually they would be installed.

Mr Parker put three points to Mr Fletcher all of which had been discussed at the last Council meeting:-

- a) The chevrons at the roundabout cause a blind spot for pedestrians crossing the road, particularly from east to west immediately north of the roundabout.
- b) Traffic travelling north - south constantly goes through the roundabout at speeds of 50 and 60 m.p.h.
- c) Traffic travelling south - north also enters the roundabout at quite high speeds and there is a fear that a vehicle will go out of control and run into the bus stop when people or school children are waiting for a bus.

Mrs Harris also endorsed these worries.

Mr Fletcher replied to each point. In the case of a) he said that great care had been taken to sight the chevrons in the right place when the roundabout had originally been built but he thought that it would be better without them.

b) Mr Fletcher admitted that the traffic was often going fast but there had been very few reported accidents since the construction of the roundabout - certainly not enough to warrant any major alterations. Councillors did agree that it was better than the original junction.
c) Councillors were told that entry onto the roundabout was harder travelling northwards but the exit was easier; this meant that if a vehicle lost control it would be before and not after the roundabout. Mr Fletcher also pointed out that the roundabout is unusual not just by design but also because it does not serve a busy cross roads, as is usually the case, but it serves more as a speed restriction.

Mr Parker also explained the problem of vehicles entering the service road through the exit road just north of the roundabout. Mr Fletcher said that it was not possible to alter the kerbing because large lorries

would not have enough room to manoeuvre.

Mr Perry thanked Mr Fletcher and Mrs Harris for attending the meeting and they both left.

Mrs Harris asked us to inform her if we had any problems with bus alterations in the next few weeks.

APPLICATION FOR AN OFF LICENCE AT HALFWAY SERVICE STATION: Mr Perry hopes to attend the session at Woodstock Magistrates Court in order to voice our objections.

PLANNING MATTERS: The following decision notices have been received:-

- a) Halfway Service Station - Non-illuminated canopy fascia sign - granted.
- b) Mr & Mrs J. Verdon, Begbroke Lane - single storey extension - granted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Acknowledgement of letter re holes in St Michael's Lane. Noted.
- b) Acknowledgement of letter to police re motorbikes on playing field. Noted.
- c) Oxford Fieldpaths Society. Noted.
- d) C.S.E. Aviation. Noted.
- e) The Envoy. Noted.
- f) Thank you note from Mr Search. This was read out. Councillors commented on how well the job was done.
- g) Thank you letter from Rev I. Thompson. This was read out. Councillors agreed that he had carried out tremendous work in the Parish. Several Councillors had attended the induction of the new Rector at Yarnton on 5.1.87. Mr Parker reminded people that a mini induction service would be held at Begbroke on 11.1.87 at 6p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a) The following S.E.B. maintenance accounts have been received:-
 - 30.3.86 - 30.6.86 £128.04
 - 30.6.86 - 30.9.86 £128.04
 - 30.9.86 - 31.12.86 £128.04

These accounts are higher than previously because we are now paying for scouting.

- b) M & M Transport - skip for December - £22.42
- c) B.V.H.M.C. Hire of hall quarter ended 31.12.86 - £26.40

Other financial matters:

Balance as at 31.12.86 C/A £794.83 D/A £5004.06

It was agreed to precept for £3,000.00 for the year 1987/88. No concessionary bus tokens are to be purchased.

Mr Perry, Mr Morris and Mr Parker are to investigate the possibility of a bus shelter on the west side of the A34. A report is to be made at the next meeting. It was felt that some of the capital now in the bank account could be used to finance this scheme. Another possible scheme would be a light at the end of Fernhill Road, but there is only enough money for one of these schemes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Mrs Venn reported that the Annual Parish Meeting would probably need to be held on May 5th, 1987. This is to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- b) Village Hall Management - Mr Perry reported that the disabled entrance at the rear of the hall had been completed and a re application had been made for a public entertainment licence which would allow disabled people to use the hall.
- c) A34 Action Group - The Group had put forward its ideas for the A40 relief of North Oxford. Mr Perry also explained that consultant

Engineers do not have to put their plans before local councils thus ending up with lengthy public enquiries. This point has been taken up with Mr Hurd.

- c) Mr Perry asked whether or not permission had been granted for the commercial repair of vehicles at the A34 Stores. This is to be investigated.
- d) A telephone call is to be made to the South Midland Bus Company asking if the Blanket Bus could call at Begbroke on its route from Witney to Kidlington.
- e) Mr Morris pointed out that a large coach consistently blocks the estate roads at 7.30a.m. in order to pick up two American children who go to school at Heyford. A phone call is to be made to the base asking if they can be collected from the service road like all the other children.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on Tuesday February 3rd, 1987 at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.....*Atkins*.....

DATE.....*5th February 1987*.....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 3.2.87 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr P. Morris, Mr A. Parker, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr E.R. Venn.
In attendance were Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Parker.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr J. Burt.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6.1.87 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

APPLICATION FOR AN OFF LICENCE AT HALFWAY SERVICE STATION: Mr Perry attended the Licensing Session at the Town Hall, Woodstock on 20.1.87 and reported that the application had been refused.

SOUTH MIDLAND - BLANKET BUS: Mrs Venn reported that following a telephone conversation with Mr Taylor of South Midland Ltd, a letter had been sent requesting that the above minibus amend its journey in order to include Begbroke in its route between Woodstock and Kidlington. A reply had been received stating that the suggestion would be taken into account when assessing the minibus service.

BUS SHELTER REPORT: Mr Perry, Mr Morris and Mr Parker had pushed well ahead with the proposed bus shelter. Mr Williams of Begbroke Crescent had very kindly drawn up the plans, free of charge. A letter of thanks is to be sent from Councillors. Mr Perry had already sent a copy of these plans to Mr Peverel-Cooper because the plans have to go before the Department of Transport for approval, as the A34 is a Trunk road. No planning permission is required from Cherwell District Council. Quotations for the building work are to be requested from Mr G. Day and a Woodstock builder. It is hoped that this work can be started in the next two months.

COMMERCIAL REPAIRS TO VEHICLES - A 34 STORES: Mrs Venn reported that Cherwell District Council had said that there had been no permission given for the commercial repair of vehicles. However any action was dependant upon how large a part of the total income the repair side represented. An officer from the District Council will investigate.

PLANNING MATTERS: The following applications had been received:-

- a) Mr G. Day, 34 Woodstock Road - Retrospective - Erection of amateur radio mast. Investigated by Mr Perry, returned without comment.
- b) Town and City Properties (Dev) Ltd c/o The Barton Willmore Partnership, Calcot, Reading - regarding W.R.O. Begbroke Hill - retention of some research buildings, demolition of others and erection of some new research buildings. Considerable discussion took place concerning this application. Mr Perry read the photocopy of a covering letter sent with the application. It was unanimously agreed that the application be returned stating that insufficient information had been received in order to be able to make any useful observations or comments. No mention had been made anywhere of the nature of the proposed research and in the covering letter mention had been made of a 'proposed science park'. Councillors were strongly opposed to anything of this nature and wished

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to be informed of any negotiations which may have taken place. The general feeling of the meeting was one of deep concern.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Clews Architects - Historic Building Resurvey of England - Phase 2. The Parish of Begbroke will be surveyed between 13.2.87 and 13.5.87. Posters were enclosed to make villagers aware of the operation. These are to be put on the notice board.
- b) Society of Local Council Clerks - Friday 20th February, 1987 at 7.30p.m. in Exeter Hall, Kidlington. Mrs Venn hopes to attend.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The following accounts are presented for payment:-

- a) M & M Transport - skip for January - £22.42
 - b) Clerks Salary - November - January - £100.00
 - c) Clerks Expenses - November - January - £25.18
- Other financial matters:-
 Balance as at 31.1.87 C/A £410.71 D/A £5004.06
 The VAT for 1.4.85 - 31.3.86 has been claimed - £121.53

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Litter campaign - Although only a very small response had been forthcoming from the article in The Link it was agreed to press ahead with the campaign. 50 sacks are to be ordered along with posters and the collection point for full sacks will be the Village Hall car park.
- b) Skips for 1987/88. It was agreed that one skip per month should be continued. A list of dates for 1987/88 will be forwarded to M & M Transport.
- c) Upper Heyford School Bus - Mrs Venn reported that she had spoken to the School Transportation Officer, who was looking into the matter.
- d) County Dairies/Langford Lane - Mrs Venn reported that a planning application had been requested from C.D.C. concerning County Dairies but the application had been of a minor nature therefore no comment had been submitted. However it appears that businesses in Langford Lane are putting money forward with a view to improving the road. Mr Perry will discuss this with Mr Peverel-Cooper.
- e) Community Emergency Preparation Scheme - meeting postponed.
- f) Village Hall Management - Nothing to report.
- g) A34 Action Group - Mr Perry reported that as a result of his meeting with Mr Hurd it is now possible for local councils to write to consulting engineers.
- h) Meeting dates for 1987 - Mrs Venn announced the following alterations to the meeting dates for 1987 -
 Tuesday May 5th Last meeting of present Parish Council 7.00 - 7.45p.m.
 Annual Parish Meeting 8.00 - 9.30p.m.
 Tuesday May 12th First meeting of newly elected Parish Council.
- i) Parish Walk - This is to be carried forward to the new Council.
- j) Solid State Logic - Mr Parker reported rumours that the new building is to be altered yet again. Mr Perry to investigate.
- k) It was noted that the potholes in St Michael's Lane had been repaired.
- l) It was agreed to hold a dinner before the end of the Council's term of office. The Masons Arms at Southleigh was proposed as the venue. A menu is to be requested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on Tuesday March 3rd, 1987 at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE..... 3rd March 1987

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In attendance were Mr and Mrs Lloyd.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr J. Burt.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3.2.87 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BUS SHELTER - PROGRESS REPORT: Mr Perry reported that between the Parish Council meetings Cherwell District Council had contacted him saying that a planning application needed to be submitted. This had been done and a cheque had been sent for £13.50. Mrs Venn said that a receipt had been received for the cheque. Mr Perry had approached four builders for estimates, so far only three replies had been received. It was agreed that no decision could be made until a reply had been received from the County Council stating whether or not they are in agreement with the site. Mr Perry is to thank the builders for their estimates and to find out how long the price will remain fixed. Mrs Venn reported that since Cherwell had received the plans they had requested that the Parish Council agree to any position for the bus shelter that the County Council might consider necessary. Mr Perry had been consulted and had agreed that a reply be sent in the affirmative. If a letter is received from the County Council before the next meeting another short Council meeting is to be called.

LANGFORD LANE: Mr Perry reported that he had discussed this with Mr Peverel-Cooper. The request for the redevelopment of land at C.S.E. for industrial use has been refused because it is within the green belt and the road can not cope with increased traffic flow. A scheme is being discussed for funding from businesses in Langford Lane to pay towards substantial improvements to the road with traffic lights at the Kidlington end and the road being lit throughout. However this is only at the discussion stage.

SOLID STATE LOGIC: Mr Perry had met Mr Sanders to discuss worries that no further improvements or building work was taking place. Mr Sanders said that the proposed new building had become too expensive and the plans might need to be altered. Mr Venn said that he was very worried that nothing else would happen on the site. Mr Parker felt confident that everything would sort itself out but he felt that the Council was entitled to an update from time to time and a whole winter had gone by with no sign of a street light. A letter is to be sent to Mrs Sumner asking about the lamp and the position over the new building.

PLANNING MATTERS: The following applications have been received:-

- a) Mr F. Stubbs, 71 Fernhill Road - living and bedroom extension plus rooms in the roof. Investigated by Mr Perry. First returned without comment - later three householders to the rear objected about loss of privacy. Mr Perry re-investigated and a letter upholding these objections was sent.



- b) Mr K. Hudson, 17 Begbroke Lane - extension, kitchen and dining area, one bedroom and playroom. Investigated by Mr Parker and Mr Morris. It was agreed that an objection be sent on the following grounds:-
 a) over development of a limited site b) blocking light from the ground floor rear window of the adjoining house c) blocking light from the overlooking upstairs window of the adjacent property.
- c) Begbroke Parish Council - Bus shelter - returned without comment.
- Other Planning Matters:
 Mrs Hastings informed Councillors of an application lodged by G.W. Salters to store new cars on land at the Betoys Factory in Langford Lane. An objection is to be sent on traffic grounds. Councillors queried pile driving for an extension at a house in Willow Way, no planning application having been received. A phone call is to be made to Cherwell District Council. Mrs Hastings reported that C.D.C. had recommended deferral of the application made at Weed Research pending further information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Report of the Public Inquiry held at Weston-on-the-Green between 16&18 July, 1986. Borrowed by Mr Venn.
- b) Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council - various circulars. Noted.
- c) Age Concern - EEC Butter. Mr Perry reported that the distribution of butter was in hand but with the Red Cross and not Age Concern. Mr Perry is to collect the butter from Witney and Mrs Sliwa and helpers will distribute it from the Village Hall on Thursday March 12th. It was agreed that Mr Perry should be paid expenses for organising the operation.
- d) Oxford Polytechnic - Jobs and Environment. Noted.
- e) Marlborough School, Woodstock - A meeting of the Woodstock and Charlbury Continuing Education Council 9.3.87 - 7.30p.m. Noted.
- f) Grapevine. Noted.
- g) Cherwell District Council Budget Year ending 31.3.88. Noted.
- h) The Envoy. Noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a) M & M Transport - skip for February - £22.42
- b) SEB Energy 31.12.86 - 3.3.87 - £113.14
- c) SEB Maintenance 31.12.86 - 31.3.87 - £132.18

Other Financial Matters:

Balance as at 28.2.87 C/A £214.29 D/A £5004.06

A cheque for £13.50 was sent to C.D.C. as payment for the planning application for the bus shelter. A receipt has been received for this cheque.

VAT refund has been received 1.4.85 - 31.3.86 £121.53

It was agreed that £500.00 be transferred from the D/A to the C/A.

Mr Perry raised the possibility of having the street lighting maintenance carried out by D.W. Lighting, Stationfield Approach, Kidlington if they proved cheaper than the SEB Enquiries are to be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Clerks of Oxfordshire meeting 20.2.87. Mrs Venn had attended the meeting which was aimed at setting up a branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks. However she felt that becoming a member would give no great benefit to Begbroke because of its size.
- b) Village Hall Management. Mr Perry reported that a heavy duty gate had been ordered for the entrance to the playing field near the swings.
- c) A34 Action Group. Mr Perry and Mrs Brain from Yarnton had had a most encouraging meeting with the Consultant Engineers responsible for the changes to the A40 at Pear Tree. The Engineers have taken local peoples views and will consider them carefully.
- d) Mr Perry had spoken to the foreman of a work group at the Priory

representing NACRO. It seems likely that they will be able to erect the new footpath sign.

- e) Mr Eastgate had attended the first meeting concerned with the Community Emergency Preparation Scheme and he will be giving a report at the next meeting.
- f) Mr Perry was concerned that there is no community group within the village keeping an eye on the elderly. The Police had been involved with bogus antique dealers calling on elderly people in Begbroke and a group could help those at risk from this type of person. Mr Parker felt that it was an excellent idea and a cause well worth considering. This is to be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- g) Mr Perry produced a letter from Mr Purves of Fernhill Road complaining about parking in the road and suggesting either a one way system or parking on different sides of the road on alternate days. It was agreed that the Council upheld all the comments and copies of the letter are to be sent to the County Council, District Council and the Police.
- h) The Parish Council Dinner is to be held on Wednesday April 29th - 7.30 for 8.00p.m. at the Mason Arms, South Leigh.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on Tuesday April 7th, 1987 at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.....*Merry*.....

DATE.....*7th APRIL 1987*.....